

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday November 1, 2016 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, Merlin Hageman, Tom Mahoney Terry Schuster, Aaron Sitze

Absent: Andrew Dettman, Pat Donahue, and John VonTish.

Also, present: Mayor, Ken Williams and City Clerk, Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Approved minutes from October 4, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: Terry handed out a report on income and expenses for Economic Development.

Greg Sparrow, Economic Person for Ogle County, discussed the Enterprise Zone that the Ogle County Board just passed. Additional State of Illinois benefits and incentives may be available to qualifying projects upon application and approval by the Enterprise Zone Program Manager at the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. Program available: building materials sales tax exemption, property tax abatement, and gas use tax exemption. Since put in place some communities are considering hold off on charging impact fees for new construction.

Spread sheet progress:

KMK: A folder for recruitment was handed out for review. November 11th is the target date to have ready. Will be putting commercial properties that are available on the website.

Settler' Ridge Subdivision: All utilities have been completed. The City Council will vote on accepting the Subdivision at next week's meeting.

Façade Designs: Mayor handed out booklets that were put together by Lingle Design Group for downtown facade designs. He would like everyone to look over. Would like to have poster boards made and available for Candlelight Walk. It would be the kick off the vision of downtown building facades.

Website: Nothing new to report now.

TIF District: A digital copy of the proposed TIF District was sent to the members. In it had the time frame each step needs to be completed. With final approved scheduled in February of 2017.

Economic Development Position: Sam was unable to make the meeting tonight. She has been working on marketing & the information from KMK. Also, discussed changing the form of government at the next election. This would need to be on the ballot for the citizens to vote on.

Municode: Mayor and City Attorney have a phone conference next week.

Oregon Together: Working on bylaws for the Committee.

New members are still needed for this committee so if you have anyone in mind that would like to be involved let Don know. Don will be talking to Andy to see if he is still interested on being on the committee since he has not attended a meeting in a while.

Meeting adjourned. Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe